



TOWN OF NORTON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: March 12, 2014 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766

Members Present: George Burgess, Valerie Desmond, Michael Thomas, and Michael D. Yunits

Members Not Present: Robert W. Kimball, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

Conservation

Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Agent

Ms. Carlino provided information on the dam repair project. Pare is on hold, waiting for a waiver from the Office of Dam Safety. Mr. Burgess asked Ms. Carlino what would happen if the dam broke. Ms. Carlino stated that there was a question from the Finance Committee last year about removing the dam. The Agent's concern is for all of the land owners downstream.

Water/Sewer Department

Bernard Marshall, Water/Sewer Superintendent
Francis Yanuskiewicz, Weston and Sampson
Diane McElligott, Water/Sewer Commissioner

Mr. Marshall introduced himself and Mr. Yanuskiewicz to the Committee. The Town Manager read the items in the Sewer Capital Plan and called upon Mr. Marshall to explain.

CWRMP Funding Request: Mr. Marshall informed the Committee that the CWRMP study will explain the critical needs in the town. Mr. Marshall asked Mr. Yanuskiewicz to weigh in. Mr. Yanuskiewicz explained that the Town needs expansion of the sewer treatment plant and Wheaton to make the expansion possible. Without them, the plan is nowhere. The CWRMP is needed to complete the financing plan, MEPA approval, and the public hearing. An article for town meeting was introduced to cover design. The money is needed by July 1 and design by October for at least a two (2%) percent S.R.F. loan. The earliest for long-term borrowing would be 2015 or, more likely, 2016, with temporary financing until then.

Mr. Thomas inquired as to whether the Town would pay any rent for that land if Wheaton is paying \$2,800,000.00 for a pump station. Mr. Yanuskiewicz replied that the town would not. When asked by Mr. Thomas if everything would be pushed back a year if Wheaton decided that it did not want to

come on board, Ms. McElligott replied that it would. Mr. Burgess was interested in learning what would happen if Wheaton's treatment plant were to break down, and Ms. McElligott replied that temporary repairs would need to be performed because the Town could not be ready that fast.

Mr. Marshall stated that the water treatment plant is under design with construction to begin in 2016. The numbers shown are cash flow numbers. It will actually be borrowed short term during the construction phase, then full bonding using S.R.F. funding. The plant will handle Wells 4, 5, and 6. Also under the 2018 plan is a funding request for a site for a future well. Knowing the town is growing, it is necessary to always look at expansion needs.

Remaining items to be paid from water surplus:

Backhoe: The 2000 John Deere backhoe has served its useful life, with 5,116 hours. The cost of a new John Deere is \$111,000.

Hydraulic Model: The past Superintendent did a good job in the last seven years replacing water mains. Mr. Marshall plans to go out to bid with an RFP to obtain a model of our system (tanks, old pipe, new pipe...). They will let you know where your weaknesses are. This is good for fire protection. Ms. McElligott added that it will also help in the flushing program. Mr. Marshall explained that this model will develop a unidirectional flushing program.

Pick-Up Truck Replacement: A vehicle is needed to replace the 2001 F150. The Town Manager asked if the truck would have a plow. Mr. Marshall advised that it would have a plow and 4-wheel drive.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

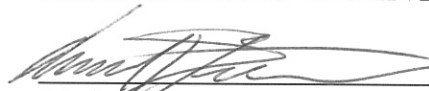
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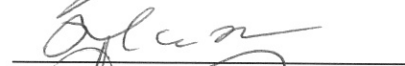


A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Desmond. It was voted 4-0 to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE


Chairman

Minutes Approved by Committee on: MARCH 12, 2014